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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Various Topics of Local and General
Interest Briefly and Tensely
Commented Upon

Numerous Matters Which Are Before the Public
for General Discussion

The franchise asked for by the telephone company at the last meeting of the city council, so far as the consideration offered is concerned, was anything but complimentary to the city legislative body and the city of St. Johns. The idea of expecting the city to grant such extensive privileges and rights along the streets and public thoroughfares for a period of 25 years, was as presumptuous on the part of the company as the intelligence of the council. The telephone people offered to grant the city the privilege of stretching fire alarm wires on their poles, a thing that will not be necessary for some years to come, most likely, amounts to nothing. The council very properly laid the matter on the table. The telephone company evidently thought they had found an easy mark. The company now thinks, no doubt, that this city is not so easy.

The Review thinks it would be all right to grant a franchise, providing some consideration was given in return. As to what this consideration should be, the city of Portland affords a very satisfactory guide. The new telephone company which is now exploiting Portland, is called upon to pay one per cent of its gross earnings, but in no single year shall this total percentage amount to less than \$10,000, or \$40,000 for the total life of the franchise. This appeals to us as being a very proper and reasonable demand, and if the new company means business it will agree to the terms. Of course, this city could not exact so great a sum as \$10,000 a year from the company seeking a franchise here, but some sum should be demanded bearing a reasonable proportion to the amount required by the city of Portland.

Another phase of the franchise, should it be granted, is the matter of tolls. The city should incorporate in the ordinance granting such franchise stringent provisions that exorbitant charges should not be made for service. A stated maximum amount should be stated plainly, and leave no chance for equivocation. St. Johns has now reached a point when it can name reasonable terms for granting corporation privileges, and great care should be exercised in seeing that no franchise is given away without fair and just consideration.

In conversation with a prominent and thoroughly reliable official of Multnomah county the other day, it was decidedly refreshing to hear him interpret the duty of a public official. He remarked: "It is frequently heard that a public officer should handle the business affairs of his office with the same care he would exercise in his own private affairs. I hold this is not sufficient. A man's private affairs are his own; he is responsible only to himself; but in handling public affairs he is responsible to the public. The people who placed him in responsible position want the business transacted to suit them, not the officials. He is handling funds not his own, but theirs, and to them he is responsible for the proper conduct of their business. In his private business he is the sole judge of the propriety of this or that expenditure; in his public capacity greater care should be exercised in disbursing the earnings of the people who place them in his hands for disbursement. Further" he went on, "the idea that public trust is a license for public graft, is a creature of partisan politics attributable to a prevalent idea that 'to the victor belongs the spoils.' It was most refreshing to hear a public official, who handles hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money during his term, give utterance to such noble sentiments. But Multnomah county has a couple of just such officers, and they practice what they preach.

County Judge Webster takes an advanced position on the proposition of good roads, and is bending every effort consistent with economical expenditure to better the condition of the public highways. A rock-crusher is to be installed at the county rock-pile across the river from St. Johns, and the work of macadamizing the contiguous county roads will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible. It is the intention of the authorities to

have barges built to bring crushed rock across the river and give this district the benefit of macadam road-beds as soon as feasible. This will be a great benefit and it is safe to predict that the people will see to it that the judge will be kept in position to carry out his policy of road improvement.

The Journal reporter was certainly given a fill of "hot air" in his endeavor to boost the Organ political club and the Organ ticket in last Friday's issue of the Journal. The old falsehood to the effect that the Commercial association is engaged in backing up a local political movement is again resurrected. The men who assert this know they are uttering untruths, without the least vestige of fact to warrant such statements, and the Journal, which is doing such good work along reformatory lines, is lending its columns to a most despicable purpose, in face of all the facts. The Commercial association is doing a great work for St. Johns, and every citizen, save those of the obstructionist kind, should and does feel a pride in this organization. Why men should persist in trying to tear down the very things which go to build up, enrich and make surroundings more comfortable is past human comprehension. Nobody objects to the Portland Journal boosting for the Organ candidates or the Organ political organizations, or the candidates of any other individual who aspires to prominence as a leader and manager of a political party, but there is objection to the Journal or any other paper, using its influence to destroy the usefulness and malign such an organization as the St. Johns Commercial association.

WOULD BUY OUR TIES.

Output of St. Johns Mill Sought by California Purchasers.

A. F. Eastbrook, of San Francisco, representing large lumber interests of California, was a St. Johns visitor on Tuesday, having come for the purpose of contracting for the railroad-tie output of our local mills. California has exhausted its supply of fir timber, of which in the first place, it had only a small quantity and has for some time been using redwood for railroad ties. The supply of this wood is also diminishing rapidly, and as a consequence, the large lumber companies of that state have turned toward Oregon for their supply of railroad timbers and fir lumber.

"I observe," said Mr. Eastbrook, "that Oregon is far behind California in the matter of railroad construction. Our state will be 'cobwebbed' with railroads as rapidly as they can be built. Plans for construction work this year will reach a cost of millions of dollars before they shall have been fully executed. Almost every community in the commonwealth of commercial prominence will enjoy railroad facilities.

"In Oregon, too, I observe much more activity in the matter of opening remote sections of the state, rich in products of one kind or another, and in many instances, of many products of varied character, with the impetus of railroad facilities. The eastern portion of your state, I understand, will be the principal scene of this activity. It appears to me to be a rich field for investment by railroad companies and it will not, therefore, long remain isolated by lack of rapid transit facilities in the conveyance of freight and passengers to and from its busy centers.

"I believe your Lewis and Clark fair will be a great thing for Portland and Oregon generally. In fact it will bring tens of thousands of people to the coast who, taking advantage of the reduced railroad fares, will come in quest of homes. When I was East recently I heard much talk about the great fair. I saw but little advertising literature scattered about, but it seems to be well advertised, nevertheless, for for nearly everybody was talking most favorably about it, many of them already preparing to leave the East for the Pacific Coast. California will be largely benefited by it also, for our state is already well advertised and many will come to us to remain and invest their money. The population of the state of California is increasing with remarkable rapidity anyway, and the Lewis and Clark fair centennial exposition will give it additional impetus.

"California railroad builders already consume a large portion of Oregon's tie output, but during the present year it will increase that demand probably one hundred per cent. My object in visiting St. Johns at this time is to enter into contracts with your several mills for a very extensive supply of railroad timbers."

"OLD REALITY" AGAIN

This Versatile Observer of Things
Has a Heart to Heart Talk
With Review Readers

About Matters Which to Him Seem of the Most
Vital Importance to Growth of the City.

"Talent is formed in the solitudes. Character in the torrent of the world." An aphorism which fell like a polished pearl from the mind of one of the most gifted men the world ever produced. Majestic in meaning it stands today for all the progress of the nations; for the advancement of the individual along the lines of greatest resistance, tending to upbuild and ennoble all that is Godlike in man. Would it seem out of place to apply this aphorism to St. Johns and its environments and thus stir up a spirit of emulation; a desire on the part of each unit of the body politic and social to secure all that is due us from our location and the natural blessings that surround us.

Assuming that it will be perfectly consistent the object then of this article is to call the attention of all those who have acquired "talent in the solitudes" and "character in the torrent" to some of the pressing needs of our beautiful little city and to demand, not ask you observe, their assistance in pushing forward the car of progress until its velocity is so great that it will run by its own momentum.

"Come and let us reason together" was the appeal of the inspired writer, and that is the spirit in which this article is written. Let us reason together, my friends, until we shall have reached the best plan for making St. Johns the ultimatum of all that is desirable and then, after having chosen our best man as leader, let him, in the language of Napoleon at Waterloo say, "Up guards and at them." We know, however, that there will be no chance for us to go down to defeat as that splendid genius did, whose sun rose at Austerlitz and set at Waterloo, and all because he did not know the sunken road of Ohain lay between his invincible Old Guard and the allied forces of Europe upon whom he was hurling the flower of his army.

There is no "sunken road" lying between us and success and it remains with us to make our report as brief as Caesar's to the Roman senate when he wrote, "veni, vidi, vici."

To the layman, who gazes at the surgeon performing an operation, the process often seems to be brutal. He says to himself as he watches the cutting of muscles, tendons and the scraping of the bones, that the man is absolutely heartless. That he cuts simply for the joy of cutting, and yet nothing is farther from the truth. The bone must be reached and scraped so that every tendril of the diseased organ may be removed; so that not the tiniest root may remain to spring again into active life and thus nullify all his pains and care. So if, during this article the scalpel touches the bone do not flinch but be assured that all is for the best.

First, I wish to call attention to our streets. They are in a deplorable condition. Mud! Mud! Mud everywhere. No stranger could be pleased by their appearance. He would rather feel disgust and leave town, losing sight of the many good features of our city and all on account of his inability to get around dry-shod.

Let us then inaugurate a movement for side-walks all over the city. True, it will cost money to build them, but it will be money well spent, and will come back tenfold within a short time. We have plenty of material and there will be no trouble in securing men to do the work.

Then, on the splendid water front we have substantially no docks. How can we expect to secure shipping interests unless we furnish the facilities? Let us not dock the toiler but rather the river, and we will soon secure our share of commerce.

This brings us by easy gradation down to the ubiquitous cow which roams our street during the daylight and tramples our gardens and lawns during the silent hours of the lonely night.

The cow question is as old as towns. From the dawn of civilization it has plagued the "city dads" and forced them at last to sequester her in the corral or barn. They all tried to dodge the question, but "like Banquo's ghost it would not down."

I like cows in various ways. A large, juicy piece, tender and sweet, done brown, is like the Methodist Confession of Faith, "it

is very wholesome and full of comfort." The rich, sweet cream is a fit nectar for the gods and we must have it but it does not follow that the source from which it comes is to be worshipped as something sacred. Put her where she belongs and all progressive citizens will bless you.

Our street car service is not all that can be desired, but we shall keep hammering away until the "powers that be" shall give us what we desire just to get rid of us. Constant dripping wears away the stone, and a constant hammering crystallizes steel and renders it worthless. We shall keep pounding at the company until it crystallizes and gives all we desire.

We shall soon have two railroads running through the city. The Northern Pacific will soon have its line in course of construction; the Southern Pacific is already here. Then a yacht club is to be organized, which will attract many tourists to our pleasant city, and add a desirable feature to our list of pastimes.

At present we have a hybrid building which does for city hall and also city jail. The land is purchased for a large city hall and it will not be long until we shall have a hall of which we may well feel proud.

What we must strive for earnestly and continuously is enterprises which contain a pay roll. It is all right for Father Dunn to paint his pump handle a pea-green, if he wishes it, or for Mother Jones to set out roses in her front yard if she desires them, but these add nothing to the welfare of the city. Improvements that put a current of money into circulation monthly are what we need. The roses will come afterwards.

SUBSTANTIAL CITIZENSHIP.

People Now Locating in St. Johns
Are of the Sturdy, Active
Business Class.

St. Johns has abundant cause to congratulate itself on the character of the citizens it has lately been acquiring. There is no room here for the idler. Those of that class who chance to drift into this city quickly discover that fact and, consequently, make their stay very brief. It is not difficult to discover the loafer, either alone or in a crowd. He carries his trade-mark in his face. It is seen in his conduct about the town, in his movements on the streets and in his effort to avoid the places where men of brawn and brain are enjoyably engaged in turning out the products of wealth and usefulness.

But men who come with a little money to invest in homes and lose no time in seeking employment where there is work to be done belong to the class of people whom we need. It is that type of toilers who build up any community. We want men and women who will study St. Johns' conditions as they are and, whenever they see the need of it, are willing to put their shoulders to the wheel and help to increase the speed of the chariot of progress. These are business people who appreciate the virtues of life and know how to apply them.

Of this class of immigrants St. Johns is receiving its full share. Our city is essentially an industrial center. Those who conduct the business of our mills and factories are making money. Those who do the work for them are prosperous. These are two conditions essential to growth, development, expansion. And St. Johns is expanding in every necessary element of a busy and happy life. Its schools and churches, its business houses and fraternal societies are prosperous. We have abundant room and facilities for more mills and factories—and we have within easy reach an ample supply of the raw materials with which they may busy themselves in the production of goods for which there is an unceasing and an increasing demand. The market is becoming glutinous—and it is right at our doors.

What more do we need to become a great little city—the busiest and most prosperous in the land?

A fairly satisfactory business has been transacted by the real estate firms of this city throughout the entire winter, the greatest effort of the dealers being to prevent what is generally termed a boom. Prices have been stable and the demand for property steady. Now that spring is at hand, inquiry increases. Easy terms are offered to home-builders on choice locations—a fact which accounts in large part for the building activity in the residential districts.

W. T. Slatten, the popular dentist, is now in the city and ready for business. The doctor's office is in the Cochran block.

WEYERHAUSER COMING

Assurances That the Gattson Tract
of Eighty Acres Has Been
Secured for a Site

The Most Important Addition to St. Johns Industries Yet Located Here.

Developments of the last day or two makes the location of the Weyerhaeuser Co. here a certainty. On the best of authority it is stated that the deal for the Gattson tract has been closed, and the money, \$40,000, paid over.

The purchasers propose to commence the work of erecting a mill of 300,000 daily capacity at once. This transaction settles beyond all question, the future of St. Johns as a large manufacturing center. Conservative men estimate the doubling of St. Johns' population within the next twelve months.

The air has been full of rumors in regard to the location of the Weyerhaeuser Company's big saw mill at St. Johns, and while nothing absolutely definite can be obtained, yet every indication strengthens the belief that this most desirable industry will be located here. For some weeks negotiations have been in progress for the purchase of eighty acres of the Gattson property, adjoining this city on the north, and after a most diligent enquiry the most reliable information we can get only tends to confirm the belief that this tract has been decided upon for the location of this big industry. The tract in question would give a deep-water frontage of nearly one-half mile, and afford ample room for buildings, yards, etc.

Coupling the fact that Northern Pacific engineers have been operating in this locality for several weeks, the frequent visits of Weyerhaeuser officials, and other interested parties, and the further additional fact that parties who had leased portions of this tract for a term of five years have been given a handsome bonus to throw up their lease and vacate by April 1st, all tends to confirmation.

If this company does locate here and build a mill, it is without question the most important event that has thus far marked the progress of St. Johns. It means no small affair, for it is known that the Weyerhaeuser Company is the largest lumber manufacturing company operating on this continent. It has the largest holdings of timber lands of any concern on the Northwest Coast, all the Northern Pacific granted timber lands having been secured. This company also has a large interest in the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and if one comes the other is most likely to follow.

The consideration for the Gattson tract is said to be \$40,000. The following item clipped from the Daily Recorder, of Portland, may throw some light on the matter:

"John Haggerty, of St. Johns, but lately from Wisconsin, and an experienced timber cruiser, has gone to the Weyerhaeuser property down the river to locate camps from which to send logs to the new saw mill, which it is claimed is to be built at St. Johns. Judge Cochran, of the Weyerhaeuser Company, stated to J. H. Loy, a contractor here, that he is going to begin work on the new mill at once."

Successful Social Affair.

The bill given Monday evening, under the auspices of the Modern Brotherhood of America, was one of the leading social functions of the season. About one hundred persons were present, and all expressed themselves as having spent a most enjoyable evening. The music was furnished by the Everest orchestra, and was excellent. W. J. Applegate, the head of the order, accompanied by about twenty-five ladies and gentlemen from Portland, was present.

The refreshments were a feature. Mrs. L. D. Chase, who was active in getting the order established in this city, was the leading spirit in carrying out the details of the affair, and she may feel well satisfied with the result. If the affair Monday evening was a fair indication of what the new organization can do, it is an important addition to the social circle of the city.

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